British Waterways London

# BOATERS' GUIDE

## VISITING LONDON'S CANALS, DOCKLANDS AND THE RIVERS LEE & STORT

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## WELCOME TO LONDON'S CANALS, THE RIVERS LEE & STORT AND LONDON DOCKLANDS

Located within easy reach of the heart of the capital, London's hidden waterways offer boaters a wealth of history and opportunities far removed from the usual hustle and bustle of city life. The Grand Union and Regent's Canals and Rivers Lee & Stort create a green corridor winding through central London and leading right up into Hertfordshire, not to mention the impressive surroundings of the docks in East London.

With 100 miles of waterway to discover in and around London, the visiting boater can take it easy and enjoy a peaceful cruise on these calm waters, relax with a drink and a meal at a waterside pub or stop and visit some of the many nearby attractions. Throughout the summer there is a variety of fun-packed events taking place across the whole network from cream tea cruises to traditional boat festivals and rallies, and from historic boat trips to dragon boat regattas.

While cruising the London network, there are a number of general points to take into consideration. This guide is part of a series of free leaflets issued by British Waterways London and subjects covered include London-specific information needed to navigate these waterways, and information on emergency stoppages, using locks and so on. Please take the time to read this booklet carefully to get the most out of exploring this exciting region.

General boat handling and boat safety information can be found in 'The Boater's Handbook', a guide jointly produced by British Waterways (BW) and the Environment Agency (EA). Free copies are available from either BW or EA Customer Services.

Telephone numbers for all organisations referred to in the text are listed at the back of the booklet.

Please contact the relevant organisation directly for copies of any leaflets or guides that are mentioned or for information relating to their specific waterway.

# VISITING BOATS

There are designated visitor moorings on the map on pages 16/17 of this leaflet. Visitor moorings in London and on the Rivers Lee & Stort are free for the specified period at most sites unless otherwise stated. The duration may vary from 4 hours at very busy locations to a maximum of 14 days in any 42 day period, after which daily rates will be charged. It is not possible to reserve a mooring, it is run on a strictly first come, first served basis. Many visitor moorings are located near shops, railway stations, pubs and places of interest.

When mooring, please ensure that your ropes do not cross the towpath. Please also ensure that your mooring pins are visible – if possible, tie a brightly coloured object such as a carrier bag to the top of each pin to warn other towpath users.

N.B. At times of low water and on semi-tidal stretches, such as between Brentford Gauging Locks and Thames Lock, please remember to allow for changes of water level.

Boaters may moor on other stretches of the towpath (excluding official moorings and other designated sections) for up to 14 days in any 42 day period provided they are not causing an obstruction. The off-side (the bank opposite the towpath) is generally private land and is not available for mooring. Double mooring of boats on moorings is not permitted unless signs clearly say so. In residential areas, the excessive running of engines/generators should be avoided.

### Mooring at lock landing stages, sanitary stations and facilities

Boaters should only moor at these locations whilst they are locking through or using the facilities. Once finished, you must move on and leave the area free for the next boater.

### Winter Moorings

Some of our visitor moorings are suitable for winter moorings, subject to availability. Please contact the Regional Office for further information and prices.

### Services and Facilities

We produce a separate 'Facilities for Boaters' leaflet giving full details of all visitor moorings and the many facilities for boaters on London's waterways, such as water, pump-outs, and areas where you can stop for up to four hours to shop in busy parts of town ("Stop & Shops"). This leaflet is available from any of the British Waterways London offices.



# OTHER VISITORS

The waterways in and around London are a place of leisure and recreation for enjoyment by all. All visitors are asked to respect the waterway environment and other users to ensure they remain an urban retreat.

### Anglers

Anglers may not fish at locks or landing stages or designated moorings e.g. visitor moorings. When mooring up elsewhere, please avoid stopping near an angler. If you encounter a fishing match when cruising, please remember to maintain a steady, slow speed and keep to the centre of the navigation.

### Cyclists

Cyclists require a permit to cycle on the towpath. They must cycle slowly and carefully, dismount at locks and bridges and give way to all other users. Cycling is not permitted on some stretches of canal and a list of locations is included with the permit. Organised cycle events, club tours and large groups are not permitted. To obtain a cycle permit, call the Regional Office.

### Events

Information is available on special events, many of which boats are welcome to attend. For further details or to book a space at one of the events, please refer to our 'Events and Activities' leaflet or call the Regional Office for more information.

All vessels on British Waterways navigations are required to have a licence. The fee depends on the length of vessel, the type of licence and the duration required. Short term licences are available for either one week or one month (or multiples thereof). Long term licences are available for 3, 6 or 12 months. Boats in Docklands have a combined Mooring Permit/Licence.

For pleasure cruising on the canals and river navigations you will require a Pleasure Boat Licence. This covers the 2,000 miles of our waterways. If you only wish to cruise on the River Lee and/or River Stort Navigations, you can purchase a River Only Licence.

If you have a River Only Licence but wish to visit the canals in London, you will need to purchase a Short Term Canal Licence for the duration of your trip.
For both long term and short term licences you need to provide a current Boat Safety Certificate and a photocopy of your Insurance Certificate when you apply for your licence, if they are not already recorded on our Craft Licensing System. For further details, please contact British Waterways Customer Services.

For long term licences, you will need to have a valid mooring under the British Waterways Act 1995 (details can be found in the 'Private Pleasure Boat Long Term Licences' booklet which can be obtained from the Regional Office).

If the vessel is to be used for purposes other than pleasure cruising, you will need a different type of licence to cover that activity. For further details, contact the Regional Office.

## LICENCE ISSUERS

Long term and short term licences can be issued at British Waterways offices at Little Venice, Enfield, Norwood and Watford. Short term licences can also be issued at Limehouse, Thames Lock and Bow Locks offices and from the following agents:

Short Term Licensing Agents

| LEE & STORT NAVIGATIONS – LONDON & HERTFORDHSIRE | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lea & Stort Cruises Ltd | Little Hallingbury Mill, Old Mill Lane, Gaston Green, Bishops Stortford, Herts CM22 7QT<br>Open: Daily Apr-Sep 9-6, Oct-Mar 10-4 | 01279 723568<br>Mrs Wilkinson |
| Lee Valley Regional Park Authority | Base: Stanstead Abbotts Marina, South Street, Stanstead Abbotts, Herts SHG12 8AL<br>Nov-Mar Closed Sundays | 01920 870499 |
| Lee Valley Regional Park Authority | Base: Springfield Marina, Springhill, Clapton, London E5 9BL<br>Open: May-Sep Sat-Thur 9-5. Fri 9-4. Oct-Apr Sat 9-1. | 020 8806 1717<br>Mike Goddard |
| **GRAND UNION CANAL - LONDON** | | |
| Highline Yachting | Mansion Lane, Iver, Bucks SL10 9RG<br>Open: Mon-Sat 9-6, Sun 11-5. (Lunch 1.30-2.30) | 01753 651496<br>John Bolsom |
| Highline Yachting | See Above<br>Base: Rowdell Road, Northolt, Middlesex | 020 8845 9924<br>Mrs Pelling |
| Willowtree Marina | West Quay Drive, Yeading, Middlesex. UB4 9TB | 020 8416585<br>Arthur Bennet |
| Harefield Marina | Bridge 180, Grand Union Canal, Harefield, Middlesex<br>Open: Mon-Sun 9-5.30 | 01895 822036 |
| Packet Boat Marina | Packet Boat Lane, Cowley, Uxbridge, Middlesex<br>Open: Mon-Sun 9-5 | 01895 449851 |
| **GRAND UNION CANAL - SOUTH** | | |
| Cowroast Marina | Cowroast Lock, Tring, HP23 5RE | 01442 823222 |
| M J Musk Marina Sales | Harefield Boatyard, Moorhall Road, Harefield, Middlesex UB9 6PD<br>Open: Daily Apr-Oct 9-5.30. Nov-Mar 10-4 | 01895 822036<br>Mike Musk or Tony |
| British Waterways | Marsworth Junction, Watery Lane, Marsworth, Tring, Herts HP23 4LZ | 01442 825938 |
| **GRAND UNION CANAL - NORTH** | | |
| Braunston Marina | Braunston, Nr Daventry, Northants NN11 7JH<br>Open: 7 days/week 8.30 - 5.30 | 01788 891373<br>Carol Coy (am)<br>Gareth Taylor |
| Whilton Marina Ltd | Whilton Locks, Nr Daventry, Northants NN11 5NH<br>Open: Daily Apr-Oct 9-6. Nov-Mar 9-5. (Lunch 1-2) | 01327 842577<br>Nigel or Susan Steel |
| British Waterways | The Stop House, Braunston, Northamptonshire NN11 7J | 01788 892212 |

In April 2003, the new Continuous Cruising guidelines were introduced by British Waterways on a trial basis. These guidelines were brought into effect to ensure that the waterways are free from congestion, undue strain on local facilities and amenities, and the unfairness to other boaters when individual boats stay for long periods where this is not permitted.

Under the new guidelines, restrictions are measured by lock miles and days rather than hours (for a definition of "lock mile" please see below).

British Waterways regulates the mooring of boats and continuous cruising under the British Waterways Act 1995, which states that a craft must have a permanent home mooring unless the same craft is navigating throughout the period of its licence. Reference to "moor" and "mooring" refers to the place where you moor overnight. You must follow these standards if you leave your home mooring for any continuous period of 42 days or more.

To summarise, the new Continuous Cruising Guidelines are as follows:-

You may moor at the same place for up to 14 days in any 42 day period. If you have travelled at least 10 lock miles in any direction you will be deemed to have moved to a different place.

If you are "Continuously Cruising" you must have:

- travelled at least 20 different lock miles every 15 days (the same stretch will not count more than once); and
- travelled at least 40 different lock miles every 30 days; and
- travelled at least 120 different lock miles every 3 months.

British Waterways issues Cruising Diaries free of charge for your assistance to make a note of your cruising record. Please telephone Customer Services on 01923 201120 for a free copy. Our staff will be happy to endorse your diary entries and please feel free to ask a member of staff while out on the waterways to do this. British Waterways reserves the right to ask you for evidence should we consider we have reason to believe you are not adhering to the Continuous Cruising guidelines.

Please note: You must obey local signs and regulations restricting mooring at particular locations. These take precedence over the entitlements mentioned above.

Lock Miles are defined as the number of miles cruised plus the number of locks negotiated over a given stretch. Therefore, as an example, if you cruise 3 miles and negotiate 2 locks within that 3 miles, you will have travelled a total of 5 lock miles.





The Grand Union Canal is the gateway to the rest of the British Waterways' 2,000 mile canal network. The northern end gives boaters access to destinations such as Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester, while to the south, its junction with the Thames leads to Henley, Oxford and the Kennet & Avon Canal.

### Procedure for booking your passage to and from the Thames

If you need to book your passage, please give British Waterways London as much notice as possible. Boaters are advised to contact the lock office at least 24 hours ahead of their journey, even when pre-booking is not required.

Boaters must allow sufficient time for tidal passage between Limehouse Lock and Thames Lock (or vice versa). With the tide it should take approximately two and a half hours. If you anticipate that your arrival is close to the closing time of the lock, it is essential that you pre-book your passage through the lock to allow for any delay en-route and keep the lock keeper informed of your progress.

## Bow Back Rivers

The Bow Backs are classified as Remainder Waterways (low priority waterways maintained for safety only). Some sections are navigable with great care, but boaters should be aware of low headroom. Contact St Pancras Cruising Club for cruising notes (£5.00) which cover the Bow Back Rivers and all tidal Thames transits.

## River Thames

Access from the Regent's Canal and River Lee Navigation onto the River Thames is via Limehouse Lock or Bow Locks and from the Grand Union via Thames Lock at Brentford. Please note that the Thames has fickle currents and tide runs.

## Other navigation authorities in London

The Port of London Authority (PLA) manages the tidal Thames downstream of Teddington Lock. You do not need a licence for this section but there are rules of navigation you must comply with. Details are available in the PLA's free 'Pleasure User's Guide'.

The Environment Agency (EA) manages the Thames upstream of Teddington Lock and a licence is required for this part of the Thames. Contact the EA directly for further information.

N.B. There is a half tide lock at Richmond. A small charge is payable when the lock is below the half way level. Craft over 20 metres long travelling between Bow and Limehouse on the Thames must have VHF radio. (Convoys need only have one radio).

## Locks onto the Tidal Thames

For full details on cruising beyond London's waterways and tide timetables, please refer to the 'Tidal Locks Availability leaflet', which is reviewed every 6 months and is available from the Regional Office.

## Transit to the non-tidal Thames

Boaters with vessels which have a current BW River Only Licence who wish to visit the upper reaches of the Thames via Teddington, but who are unhappy travelling on the tidal Thames, can purchase a single BW one week short term canal licence and use this for the outward and return journey, providing that:

- The owner is in possession of a River Only licence, which is valid before and after the trip.
- Each transit takes no longer than three days.
- Travel is to be via the Hertford Union, then the Regent's Canal, onto the Thames at Brentford.
- A valid Environment Agency Thames licence is purchased for the period between the two passages.

For further information contact the London office.

## London Docklands

If you wish to visit London Docklands, bookings must always be made in advance. As the waterspace comprises working docks, only boaters with a confirmed berth or mooring space can come through the locks. However, visitors are welcome during special events which are organised during the summer (see 'Events and Activities' leaflet) and organised club visits are possible. A Mooring Permit will be issued at the lock for short term moorings (two months or less).

The majority of British Waterways London's locks are manual and require a windlass. However, Brentford Gauging Locks on the Grand Union Canal and all locks between Old Ford and Rammey Marsh (except Picketts Lock) on the River Lee are mechanised and require a BW key. Operating instructions are printed on the consoles and anti-vandalism devices have been fitted over some paddle gears. Your BW key will remove these so you can operate the lock and you should ensure the protective covers are replaced after use.

Both windlasses and BW keys can be purchased from the local waterway office.

### Sharing Locks

Locks on the Grand Union Canal, Regent's Canal and River Lee Navigation should be shared wherever possible. Locks on the River Stort Navigation are narrow and craft on the Stort should not lock through side by side.

Lock gates and paddles should always be closed after use to preserve water levels.

The navigational depth on these waterways is, on average 1m (3 feet) although in some places it is significantly deeper. On some stretches of canals and natural rivers it may be shallower near the banks or where siltation has occurred.

On the River Stort Navigation, if your vessel is close to reaching the maximum headroom, please take extra care in conditions of heavy rain or flood since water levels may rise considerably in a very short period of time. Brentford High Street on the Grand Union Mainline has limited headroom, which is variable with the tide.

Maximum Craft Dimensions:

| | LENGTH | BEAM | HEADROOM |
|---|---|---|---|
| Grand Union Canal | | | |
| Main Line - Stocker's Lock to Brentford | 21.95m (72') | 4.27m (14') | 2.49 (8'2") |
| Slough Arm | 21.95m (72') | 4.27m (14') | 2.58 (8'5") |
| Paddington Branch | 21.95m (72') | 4.27m (14') | 2.74m (9') |
| Regent's Canal | 21.95m (72') | 4.27m (14') | 2.79m (9'2") |
| Hertford Union Canal | 21.95 (72') | 4.27m (14') | 2.59m (8'6") |
| River Lee Navigation | | | |
| River Thames to tail of Old Ford Locks | 26.82m (88') | 5.79m (19') | 2.05m (6'9") |
| Tail of Old Ford Locks to Ponders End | 26.82m (88') | 5.49m (18') | 2.05m (6'9") |
| Ponders End to Hertford | 25.9m (85') | 4.80m (15'9") | 2.05m (6'9") |
| River Stort Navigation | 25.9m (85') | 3.96m (13') | 2.05m (6'9") |
| London Docklands | 178m (584') | 24.5m (80') | 15m (50') |

NB These dimensions allow for a comfortable fit under bridges and through locks.

### Emergencies

Please contact British Waterways London immediately if you experience problems such as jammed lock gates, unusually low levels of water, obstructions and so on. If possible, pinpoint your location to help us deal with your call.

- During office hours contact the local London office
- Outside office hours call the British Waterways Emergency Helpline
- For pollution incidents call the Environment Agency
- If you see a sick or injured animal or bird call the RSPCA
- For other non-navigational emergencies call 999

### Planned Stoppages

Planned stoppages are usually held between October and March and are necessary for carrying out repairs to the waterways. Details are listed in the winter edition of British Waterways' 'Waterfront' magazine – copies of which are sent to all BW licence holders. BW customer services can also send out a list on request or visit the website www.britishwaterways.co.uk/stoppages for further information.

### Emergency Stoppages

Emergency stoppages may be necessary at any time of the year. Visitors to the British Waterways web site can register to receive notification of emergency stoppages via e-mail. Check with the local waterways office before setting out on your journey.

For up-to-date information on all stoppages in the London Region call the Stoppage Information Line – South, or contact the local office.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| British Waterways | Regional Office, Little Venice | 020 7286 6101 |
| London Offices | | |
| | Grand Union and Regent's Canals, Norwood | 020 8571 8900 |
| | Rivers Lee & Stort Navigations, Enfield | 01992 764626 |
| | Docklands | 020 7517 5550 |
| Other BW Numbers | BW Head Office, Watford | 01923 226422 |
| | Customer Services | 01923 201120 |
| | Boat Safety Scheme Department | 01923 201120 |
| | BW Stoppage Information - South | 01923 201402 |
| Locks | Bow Locks | 020 7987 5661 |
| | Limehouse Lock | 020 7308 9930 |
| | Thames Lock, Brentford | 020 8568 2779 |
| | West India Dock Lock, Docklands | 020 7987 7260 |
| Other useful numbers | Cruising Association, Limehouse Basin Marina | 020 7537 2828 |
| | Environment Agency, General Number | 0845 9333111 |
| | Inland Waterways Amenity Advisory Council, London | 020 7253 1745 |
| | Inland Waterways Association | 01923 711114 |
| | Lee Valley Park Information Centre | 01992 702200 |
| | London Tourist Board | www.visitlondon.com |
| | Port of London Authority | 020 7743 7900 |
| | RSPCA | 0870 55 55 999 |
| | St Pancras Cruising Club | 020 7278 2805 |
| | The Waterways Trust | 01923 201494 |

## EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | BW Emergency Helpline | 0800 47 999 47 |
| | Environment Agency Floodline | 0845 988 1188 |
| | BW Stoppage Information - South | 01923 201402 |

British Waterways London produces a selection of free leaflets for boaters and general leisure guides to the waterways. If you would like to receive any of the leaflets featured below, please contact the Regional Office.

## BOATING

### The Boater's Handbook – Basic Boat-Handling and Safety

An essential guide for newcomers to boating and a useful companion for experienced boaters, the handbook gives you all the basic knowledge and techniques you need to make sure your enjoy yourself and stay safe. Reading it before setting off will help you spot risks yourself and help you take simple action to avoid problems.

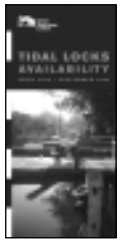
### Private Pleasure Boat Long Term Licences

Contains details of all types of licences, what the licence allows you to do, purchasing a licence, licence conditions, safety advice and the moorings code.

### Facilities for Boaters

This leaflet details the wide range of boaters' facilities available for use on London's Grand Union and Regent's Canals, the River Lee & Stort Navigations and Docklands. It also provides length of stay details for both visitor moorings and "stop & shop" moorings, plus contact numbers for enquiries.

### Tidal Locks Availability




The canal network in London has three gateways to the River Thames – at Limehouse, Brentford and Bow. This leaflet contains information on lock availability for boaters wishing to access these locks plus the West India Dock Entrance Lock on the Isle of Dogs. It provides tide times which will help boaters plan a safe passage, as well as listing telephone numbers for lock bookings or further enquiries.

### Moorings in the London Region

Information sheet on both British Waterways–owned and private moorings in the London area.

### Owning a Boat

Fact sheet on owning a boat in the London area.

### Maps and Guides

For more detailed maps of the waterways, you may wish to purchase one of the following, available from any good book shop:

Nicholson Guide to the Waterways 1: Grand Union, Oxford and the South East (Waterways Guide)
GEO Project, Map 3, Grand Union Canal, Fenny Stratford to the Thames
GEO Project , Thames Ring and London Ring Atlas

### The following are available on line:

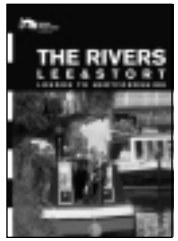
The IWA Thames Tideway Guide - www.waterways.org.uk
The Port of London Authority Pleasure Users' Guide – www.portoflondon.co.uk
St Pancras Cruising Club London Cruising Guide - www.members.aol.com/malbabs

## GENERAL AND LEISURE

### London's Canals

Every year, millions of visitors discover the charms of the Grand Union and Regent's Canals, which pass through the very heart of London and offer the visitor a vast range of sights and attractions along the way. Whether taking to the water, or simply strolling along some of the most peaceful and scenic routes in the Capital, this gateway to the country's 2,000 mile canal network never ceases to surprise and delight even the most seasoned visitor.

### The Rivers Lee & Stort

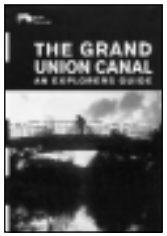



The Rivers Lee & Stort run from Hertford and Bishop's Stortford to London's East End, passing scenic countryside, attractive towns and villages and many inviting waterside pubs on the way. This leaflet contains a host of suggestions on the many things you can see and do along them, from boat trips and holidays, canoeing and sailing, walking routes and places to visit, through to cycling and angling. It also has a map of both the rivers, plus detailed maps showing places of interest and nearby roads, train stations and pubs.

### Discover London's Docklands

This leaflet is intended to give you easy access to all the information you'll need to make the most of your visit to London's Docklands, an area which already challenges anything the traditional London sights can offer. Together with a detailed map, you will find information on points of interest, historic sights, museums, activities, shops, restaurants and a clear guide to the variety of travel options. This fascinating area is highly accessible and within easy reach of central London. Come and spend the day in Docklands, you'll be astonished by what there is to discover!

### The Grand Union Canal, An Explorer's Guide



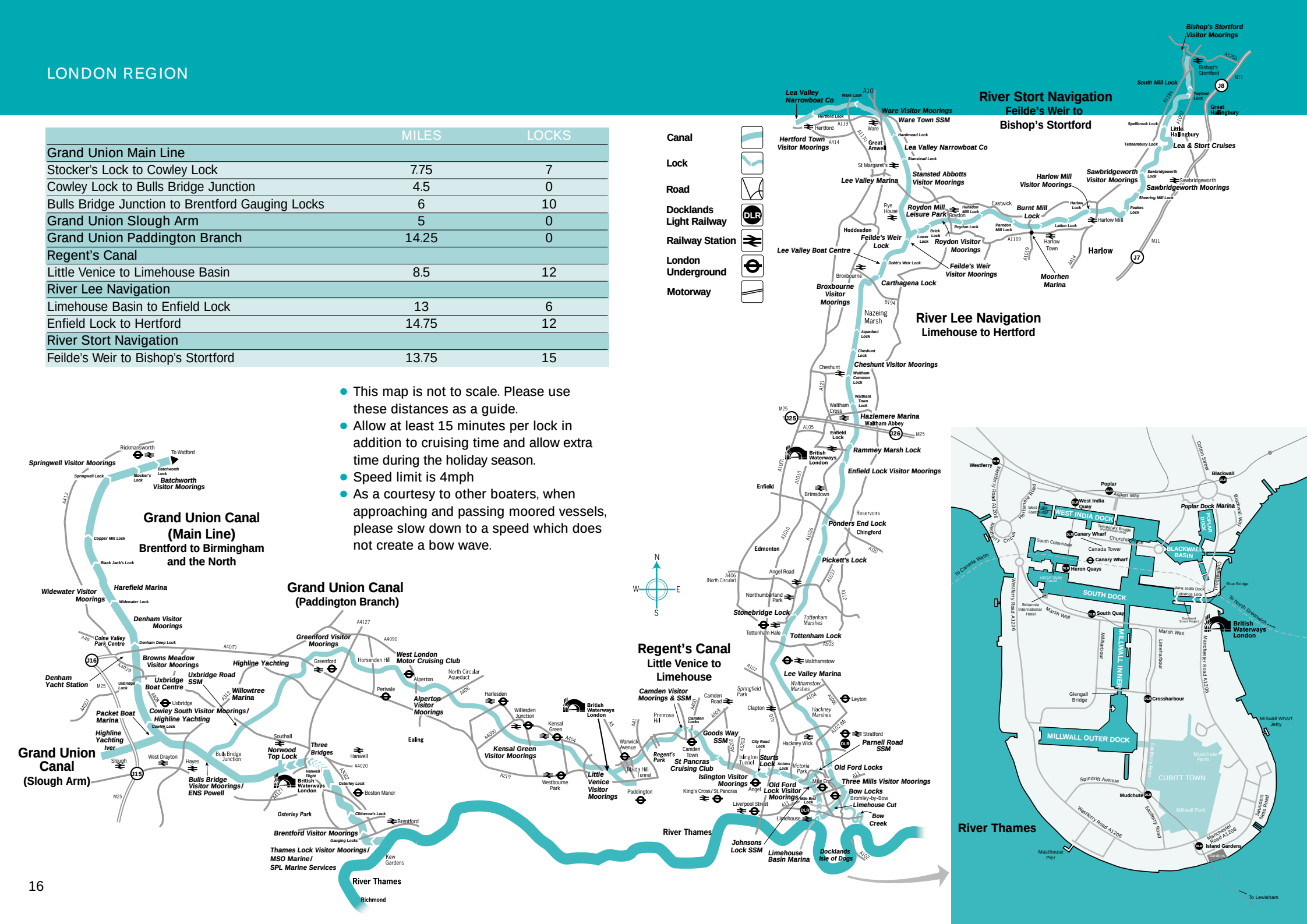

Though steeped in industrial history, the Grand Union Canal has a great deal to offer the 21st Century. If you enjoy boating, cycling, walking, fishing, nature or more artistic pursuits, it's certain that this 300-mile network of water will offer you the ideal locations.

### Events and Activities on London's Waterways

Updated annually, this brochure is packed full of fun ideas for days out and things to do on and around the canals and rivers of London. Activities are suitable for all ages and interests and include boat rallies, festivals, children's activities, theatre shows, nature walks and more!

| | MILES | LOCKS |
|---|---|---|
| **Grand Union Main Line** | | |
| Stocker's Lock to Cowley Lock | 7.75 | 7 |
| Cowley Lock to Bulls Bridge Junction | 4.5 | 0 |
| Bulls Bridge Junction to Brentford Gauging Locks | 6 | 10 |
| **Grand Union Slough Arm** | 5 | 0 |
| **Grand Union Paddington Branch** | 14.25 | 0 |
| **Regent's Canal** | | |
| Little Venice to Limehouse Basin | 8.5 | 12 |
| **River Lee Navigation** | | |
| Limehouse Basin to Enfield Lock | 13 | 6 |
| Enfield Lock to Hertford | 14.75 | 12 |
| **River Stort Navigation** | | |
| Feilde's Weir to Bishop's Stortford | 13.75 | 15 |

- This map is not to scale. Please use these distances as a guide.
- Allow at least 15 minutes per lock in addition to cruising time and allow extra time during the holiday season.
- Speed limit is 4mph
- As a courtesy to other boaters, when approaching and passing moored vessels, please slow down to a speed which does not create a bow wave.


Canal
Lock
Road
Docklands Light Railway
Railway Station
London Underground
Motorway
River Stort Navigation
Feilde's Weir to Bishop's Stortford
Bishop's Stortford Visitor Moorings
South Mill Lock
Great Hallingbury
Little Hallingbury
Lea & Stort Cruises
Sawbridgeworth Visitor Moorings
Sawbridgeworth Moorings
Harlow Mill Visitor Moorings
Harlow
Moorhen Marina
Lea Valley Narrowboat Co
Ware Visitor Moorings
Ware Town SSM
Hertford Town Visitor Moorings
Great Amwell
Stansted Abbotts Visitor Moorings
Lea Valley Marina
Roydon Mill Leisure Park
Roydon Visitor Moorings
Burnt Mill Lock
Feilde's Weir Lock
Feilde's Weir Visitor Moorings
Lee Valley Boat Centre
Broxbourne Visitor Moorings
Carthagena Lock
River Lee Navigation
Limehouse to Hertford
Cheshunt Visitor Moorings
Hazlemere Marina
Waltham Abbey
Rammey Marsh Lock
Enfield Lock Visitor Moorings
Ponders End Lock
Pickett's Lock
Tottenham Lock
Stonebridge Lock
Lee Valley Marina
Camden Visitor Moorings & SSM
Goods Way SSM
St Pancras Cruising Club
Islington Visitor Moorings
Sturts Lock
Old Ford Locks
Old Ford Lock Visitor Moorings
Three Mills Visitor Moorings
Bow Locks
Limehouse Cut
Bow Creek
Regent's Canal
Little Venice to Limehouse
Little Venice Visitor Moorings
Parnell Road SSM
Johnsons Lock SSM
Limehouse Basin Marina
Docklands Isle of Dogs
River Thames
Grand Union Canal
(Main Line)
Brentford to Birmingham and the North
Springwell Visitor Moorings
Batchworth Visitor Moorings
Harefield Marina
Widewater Visitor Moorings
Denham Visitor Moorings
Denham Yacht Station
Colne Valley Park Centre
Browns Meadow Visitor Moorings
Uxbridge Boat Centre
Uxbridge Road SSM
Willowtree Marina
Highline Yachting
Packet Boat Marina
Highline Yachting Iver
Cowley South Visitor Moorings / Highline Yachting
Bulls Bridge Visitor Moorings / ENS Powell
Grand Union Canal
(Slough Arm)
Grand Union Canal
(Paddington Branch)
Greenford Visitor Moorings
West London Motor Cruising Club
Alperton Visitor Moorings
Norwood Top Lock
Three Bridges
Kensal Green Visitor Moorings
Osterley Park
Brentford Visitor Moorings
Thames Lock Visitor Moorings / MSO Marine / SPL Marine Services
River Thames
Richmond
Kew Gardens
Brentford
Boston Manor
Ealing
Paddington
Westbourne Park
Warwick Avenue
Maida Hill Tunnel
Camden Town
Primrose Hill
Regent's Park
Angel
King's Cross / St.Pancras
Liverpool Street
Victoria Park
Mile End
Bromley-by-Bow
Limehouse
Hackney Wick
Hackney Marshes
Clapton
Leyton
Stratford
Walthamstow
Walthamstow Marshes
Tottenham Hale
Tottenham Marshes
Northumberland Park
Angel Road
Edmonton
Enfield
Brimsdown
Reservoirs
Chingford
Waltham Cross
Cheshunt
Broxbourne
Nazeing Marsh
Hoddesdon
Rye House
Eastwick
Harlow Town
Harlow Mill
Sheering Mill Lock
Feakes Lock
Latton Lock
Parndon Mill Lock
Roydon Lock
Brick Lock
Lower Lock
Dobb's Weir Lock
Carthagena Lock
Aqueduct Lock
Cheshunt Lock
Waltham Common Lock
Waltham Town Lock
Enfield Lock
Rammey Marsh Lock
Ware Lock
Hertford Lock
Hardmead Lock
Stanstead Lock
Spellbrook Lock
Tednambury Lock
Twyford Lock
Sawbridgeworth Lock
Harlow Lock
Feilde's Weir Lock
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Lee Valley Boat Centre
Lee Valley Marina
Lea Valley Narrowboat Co
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Ware Town SSM
Stansted Abbotts Visitor Moorings
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